

WATER SYSTEM/SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS GENERATOR REQUEST PROCESS

Public and private sewage treatment systems (STPs) are contacting the Department of Health and Hospitals, local Offices of Emergency Preparedness (OEP), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA) and others requesting generators to power their STPs. The process for requesting generators appears to be misunderstood by the persons in need. The following is intended to clarify procedures for requesting generators in order to ensure efficient handling of those requests.

Private Sewage Treatment Systems

Option 1

Contact LRWA. The LRWA may be able to help with repairs and/or resources.

Option 2

If the private system serves public interests, contact with the Parish OEP may be able to help provide assistance. However, truly private interests do not qualify for FEMA Public Assistance. FEMA does have a Small Business Assistance Program that may be able to help with low interest loans.

(http://www.fema.gov/assistance/process/sba_assistance.shtm).

Option 3

Governor Jindal has established a special program for grocery stores, medical facilities (including pharmacies), and retail gasoline stations to receive temporary use of small generators as available. Affected business of these types may contact the Parish OEP.

Public Sewage Treatment Systems

- 1) File request with the Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) and get a Task number. Parish OEP can enter request on-line (Web-OEC) or by phone.
 - a. Identify in the request a point of contact at the sewage treatment system that understands the details of the request.
 - b. Identify in the request a Parish OEP contact who understands the details of the request.
 - c. All details on task purpose are important to ensure request is filled appropriately.
- 2) Request is then forwarded to State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) then to the Unified Logistics Branch for processing.
- 3) Logistics Branch will try to fill the request from state assets
- 4) If that fails, Logistics will attempt to create a commercial contract to conduct the activity
- 5) If that fails, an Assistance Request Form (ARF) is forwarded to FEMA
- 6) FEMA tasks United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to conduct site assessment.
- 7) USACE responds to need positively if approved (i.e., generator delivery).

[Parish Roster of Office of Emergency Preparedness \(OEP\) Contacts](#)

For more information on FEMA Public Assistance Programs, see the website:

<http://www.fema.gov/media/multimedia/2008/gustav/index.html>